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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 December 2004.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 10/12/01 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 08/12/02.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

Detailed Action

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Hellerstein et al., (PG Pub. No. 2002/0073195).
3. Regarding claim 1, Hellerstein teaches apparatus for providing decision support to an analyst in accordance with an event management system which manages a network with one or more computing devices, the apparatus comprising: at least one processor operative to perform (Hellerstein, [0066], I.1-2):
 - an automated analysis of data representing past events associated with the network of computing devices being managed by the event management system, the automated analysis comprising generation of one or more visualizations of one or more portions of the past event data and discovery of one or more patterns in the past event data (Hellerstein, [0046], I.5-6, [0049], I.1-4); and

- automated rule management comprising construction and validation of one or more rules formed in accordance with the automated analysis of the past event data (Hellerstein, [0018], I.3-8, [0023], I.17-23); and
- memory, coupled to the at least one processor, which stores at least a portion of results associated with the automated event analysis and rule management operations (Hellerstein, [0066], I.2)

4. Regarding claim 2, Hellerstein further discloses the apparatus of claim 1, wherein the past event data is obtained from an event database and the one or more rules are provided to a rule database, the event database and the rule database being associated with an execution system of the event management system. (Hellerstein, [0023], I. 10-11, [0044], I.8-12).

5. Regarding claim 3, Hellerstein further discloses the apparatus of claim 2, wherein generation of the one or more visualizations of the one or more portions of the past event data further comprises:

- selecting a subset of the past event data from the event database (Hellerstein, [0059], I. 15-17, [0061], I.3-5);
- generating a visualization of the subset of past event data using a visualization tool (Hellerstein, [0023], I.13);
- the analyst reviewing the visualization to determine whether there are any groupings of events that are of interest presented therein (Hellerstein, [0023], I.7-8);

and

- performing an appropriate action when an event grouping of interest is found (Hellerstein, [0023], I.9-10, [0026], I.7-8).

6. Regarding claim 4, Hellerstein further discloses the apparatus of claim 2, wherein discovery of the one or more patterns in the past event data further comprises:

- selecting a subset of the past event data from the event database (Hellerstein, [0052], I.1-3);
- mining the subset of the past event data to discover the one or more patterns using a mining tool (Hellerstein, [0053], I.4);
- generating a visualization of the one or more patterns using a visualization tool (Hellerstein, [0023], I.13);
- the analyst reviewing the visualization to determine whether there are any patterns of interest presented therein (Hellerstein, [0052], I.6-7); and
- performing an appropriate action when a pattern of interest is found (Hellerstein, [0052], I. 9-11).

7. Regarding claim 5, Hellerstein further discloses the apparatus of claim 2, wherein validation of the one or more rules farther comprises (Hellerstein, [0028], I.2):

- selecting a subset of the past event data from the event database (Hellerstein, [0052], I.1-3);
- finding one or more instances of patterns expressed in terms of left-hand sides of rules (Hellerstein, [0027], I.2-3);

- generating a visualization of the one or more pattern instances using a visualization tool (Hellerstein, [0023], I.13);
- analyzing the left-hand sides of rules using a rule validation tool (Hellerstein, [0026], I.5-8);
- displaying results of the analysis operation (Hellerstein, [0046], I.5-6, [0052], I.7-8);
- the analyst assessing analysis results (Hellerstein, [0028], I.1-2); and
- marking the rules as one of validated and not validated based on the assessment by the analyst (Hellerstein, [0023], I.16-18,[0028], I.6-11).

8. Regarding claim 6, Hellerstein further discloses the apparatus of claim 2, wherein construction of the one or more rules further comprises:

- selecting a subset of the past event data from the event database (Hellerstein, [0052], I.1-3);
- mining the subset of the past event data to discover the one or more patterns using a mining tool (Hellerstein, [0025], I.2);
- assessing significance of the one or more patterns using a visualization tool (Hellerstein, [0023], I.13);
- constructing the one or more rules from a selected subset of the one or more patterns using a rule construction tool (Hellerstein, [0026], I.3-9); and

- writing the one or more rules in the rule database (Hellerstein, [0026], I.8-11).

9. Regarding claims 7-12 have similar limitations as claims 1-6, the difference is one is claimed for apparatus, and the other is claimed for method. Therefore, claims 7-12 are rejected for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claims 1-6.

10. Regarding claims 13-14 have similar limitations as claims 1-2, the difference is one is claimed for apparatus, and the other is claimed for manufacture. Therefore, claims 13-14 are rejected for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claims 1-2.

11. Regarding claims 15-16 have similar limitations as claims 1-2, the difference is one is claimed for apparatus, and the other is claimed for means function. Therefore, claims 15-16 are rejected for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claims 1-2.

12. Regarding claims 17-18 have similar limitations as claims 1-2, the difference is one is claimed for apparatus, and the other is claimed for system. Therefore, claims 17-18 are rejected for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claims 1-2.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to application's disclosure.

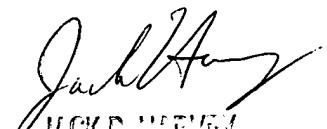
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kelvin Lin whose telephone number is 571-272-3898. The examiner can normally be reached on Flexible 4/9/5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Harvey can be reached on 571-272-3896. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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